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| | Examiner Gabriel D. Olander | Art Unit 2879 | |

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1/09/2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following title is suggested: Lamp base and a lamp having a base comprising multiple sets of contacts.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Behr et al (US 2002/0163288) in view of Alloway et al (US 6,467,942).

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, & 8: Behr discloses a lamp having a lamp base (fig. 1) having a luminous means (fig. 1, 2) that is surrounded by a lamp vessel (fig. 1, 1), and having a lamp base that is fixed on the lamp vessel (shown fig. 1) and which has a base part (fig. 1, 6) that consists of an electrically insulating material (see "plastic part" in abstract) and is provided with two first electric contacts (fig. 1, 7 & 9) that are connected in an electrically conducting fashion to the luminous means.

Behr does not disclose a second set of electrical contacts connected electrically and mechanically to said first electrical contacts are arranged transverse to the longitudinal extent of the lamp.

Alloway teaches a lamp comprising a set of contacts that are arranged transverse to the longitudinal direction of the lamp in order to fit certain automotive designs (abstract).

Adding the set of electrical contacts transverse to the longitudinal direction of the lamp as taught by Alloway to the lamp as disclosed by Behr and electrically and mechanically connecting the two sets of contacts would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention so as to allow connection to different types of automobiles with one device.

Claims 3 & 7: Behr discloses a lamp and lamp base as claimed in claims 2 & 6, wherein a set of electrical contacts are unipartite, angular contact lugs (fig. 1, 7 & 8).

Using both sets of contacts as unipartite, angular contact lugs would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention so as to simplify design.

Claims 4 & 9: Behr discloses a lamp and lamp base as claimed in claims 1 & 5, wherein the base part consists of an electrically insulating plastic (fig 1, 6 and "plastic part" in abstract).

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gabriel D. Olander whose telephone number is 571-272-6011. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel can be reached on 571-272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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